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**India-Pakistan Chronology Since
Beginning of Rann of Kutch Dispute in
January**

1. 25 January - First brush by Indian and Pakistan police patrols in the Rann of Kutch area; situation unfolds slowly thereafter with each side making charges.
2. February - Extensive firing on the East Pakistan border in area where both sides have enclaves across the international boundary.
3. 9 April - Pakistanis attack Indian post in the Rann of Kutch in battalion strength; the crisis quickly worsens, finally tapering off to an unwritten ceasefire by the end of the month of April. Meanwhile, both sides build to a major confrontation in the Punjab and the East Pakistan area, and India takes the Pakistan post at Kargil, along the Kashmir Ceasefire Line.
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5. Late June - Indians withdraw from Kargil post under pressure of UN Secretary General Thant.
6. 1 July - UK Prime Minister Wilson's efforts to get both parties back from the edge of war in the Punjab -- and secondarily in Bengal and the Rann of Kutch -- pays off with formal agreement providing for mutual withdrawal from the Rann, then from other international borders, followed by a series of steps leading by the end of the year to formal arbitration of the Kutch dispute.
7. Mid-July- Both sides warily pulling back from Punjab confrontation.

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9. 508 August - Pakistani infiltration begins with first batch of 1500 infiltrators sent across the line; Indian reaction is to meet infiltration head on, while appealing to U Thant to declare against Pakistan.
10. 17-24 August - In the absence of a UN report and faced with further infiltrations, India moves first across the ceasefire line to retake the prized Kargil posts, then across the line in Tithwal, and finally across the line to cut off the Uri-Poonch salient.
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11. 28-29 August - Pakistan replies with drive in the Chhamb area aimed at cutting road to Poonch; Pakistan also, for the first time, acknowledges direct role as adversary. Indian reply is to introduce air power to cover retreating Indian forces.
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12. 5 September - Indian forces move quickly across the border in the Punjab, to relieve pressure on the Chhamb area and to pose a threat to Lahore. Conflict quickly escalates with additional Indian thrusts across other parts of the Indian border with West Pakistan and rather extensive air strikes at air facilities occurring on both sides of the line.

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